

SPOKES

SPEAKING TO AND FOR ALL OUR CHURCHES

NOVEMBER 2025

Hi folks,

After a prolonged process, the Church of England has appointed the Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

She comes into the role at a particularly difficult time. For example, many in the Church of England are delighted that a woman has been chosen to lead the denomination, after centuries of its being a men-only job. However, many in the global Anglican communion take a very different view. For example, Archbishop Henry Ndukuba, of the Church of Nigeria, called the news ‘devastating’, and took the view that “This election is a further confirmation that the global Anglican world could no longer accept the leadership of the Church of England and that of the Archbishop of Canterbury.”



Bishop Sarah will need unusual levels of spiritual discernment, sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and diplomatic skills in order to be able to navigate the challenges that are undoubtedly present. Much of the problems arise because of the vastly different cultural backgrounds of England and of countries like Nigeria – which is in turn battling the rising tide of a militant and fundamentalist version of Islam in the north of the country. She will be greatly in need of divine guidance, and the prayers of faithful Anglicans in every country.

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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Remembrance Services

Sunday 9th Nov at 10.45 in Ashcott
Benefice Remembrance Service

Tuesday 11th Nov at 10.50
Service of Remembrance
at **Catcott War Memorial**

All Souls Service

There will be an **All Souls service**
at **St George's Church, Edington** on
Sunday 9th November at 4.30.

This will be an opportunity to remember those whom you have lost in the past year and to light a candle in remembrance. If you would like to have a loved one's name added to the list to be read out, please contact Rich.

Christingle Services

Sundays at 4pm

Ashcott 30 Nov
Chilton Polden 14 Dec



Men's breakfast

Saturday 15th November 08:45
at The Crown, Catcott.

Full cooked breakfast with tea,
coffee and toast.

Speaker will be Dr Eric Barrett,
Director of Remote Sensing Unit at
University of Bristol; also a consultant
to united nations and European
Space Agency!

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Church Services

Sunday 2nd November All Saints Day (4th before Advent (White)

9.30 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship *

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday (Red)

9.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion
10.45 *Ashcott* Benefice Remembrance
4.30 *Edington* All Souls Service

Tuesday 11th November Armistice Day

10.50 *Catcott* Remembrance Day service
at Catcott War Memorial

Sunday 16th November 2nd before Advent (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick* Café Church **in Shapwick village hall**
10:30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd November 1st before Advent/Christ the King (Red)

9.30 *Shapwick* Holy Communion
11.00 *Burtle* Informal Worship*
6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion

Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday (Purple)

11.00 *Edington* Holy Communion
4.00 *Ashcott* Christingle

Sunday 7th December Advent 2 (Purple)

9.30 *Catcott* Advent Communion
4.30 *Chilton Polden* Christmas Tree Service

* *With Polden Praise*

Midweek Holy Communion



Wed 26th November
at 10 am
in Edington Church.



Service of Quiet

Tuesday
November 18th
at 7pm in
Catcott
church

This will be a quiet space
for contemplative
reflection for half an hour.

Readings

Nov 2: Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31

Nov 9: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17; Luke 20.27-38

Nov 16: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

Nov 23: Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

Nov 30: Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44

All are welcome at any or all of the following church events:

November

- Sat 1st and Sun 2nd **Ashcott:** All Saints Church Open Days. 10am – 4pm. Flower Festival theme 'The Saints', a bellringing demonstration, music and refreshments throughout the day. All donations in aid of All Saints church repairs.
- Wed 5th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 8th **Burtle:** Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal. Please bring filled shoeboxes to Café Burtle in Burtle Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon or call Rosemary on 01278 723321.
- Wed 12th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Fri 14th **Chilton Polden:** Family Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments.
- Sat 15th **Catcott:** Men's Breakfast at the Crown, Catcott at 8.45am. Speaker will be Dr Eric Barrett, Director of the Remote Sensing Unit at the University of Bristol. ***Please book your place by contacting Rich.***
- Sat 15th **Chilton Polden:** St Edward's Gift Day. Do join us for coffee and cake in the Sunday School Room, Church Lane. 10am to 12 noon.
- Sat 15th **Edington:** St George's coffee morning at Walnut House, Holywell Road, Edington, TA7 9LD. 10.30 – noon. Entry £2. Bring and buy and raffle.
- Wed 19th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome.
- Fri 21st **Catcott:** St Peter's Coffee Morning at Autumn House, Manor Road, TA7 9HB. 10.30 – 12. Suggested donation £2 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle.
- Wed 26th **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 29th **Ashcott:** All Saints Pre-Christmas event in Ashcott Village Hall, 10-12am. Take-away meals, stalls, refreshments, raffle.

December

- Wed 3rd **Ashcott:** Coffee morning in All Saints church 10-12. All welcome
- Sat 6th **Catcott:** 'Spirit of Christmas' - donations to the Salvation Army's 'Be A Star' Christmas Appeal - an opportunity to spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children would otherwise not receive a gift or a festive meal. More details in the December Spokes.
- Fri 12th **Chilton Polden:** Christmas Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. £1 per book. Raffle and refreshments.